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SUBJECT: LIBYA AND PRC AGREE TO ESTABLISH RELATIONS

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1. LIBYA AND PRC HAVE AGREED TO ESTABLISH "POLITICAL" RELATIONS AT THE AMBASSADORIAL LEVEL. ANNOUNCEMENT WAS CONTAINED IN A JOINT POLITICAL COMMUNIQUE BROADCAST BY RADIO TRIPOLI AUGUST 10 FOLLOWING CONCLUSION OF LIBYAN NUMBER TWO JALUD'S WEEK-LONG VISIT TO THE PRC. (JALUD IS APPARENTLY REMAINING IN CHINA UNOFFICIALLY FOR SEVERAL DAYS.) COMMUNIQUE NOTED THAT CHINA AND LIBYA AGREED TO DEVELOP FRIENDLY RELATIONS AND COOPERATION ON THE BASIS OF FIVE PRINCIPLES: A) MUTUAL RESPECT FOR SOVEREIGNTY; B) INTEGRITY OF TERRITORY; C) NON-AGGRESSION AND NON-INTERVENTION IN DOMESTIC AFFAIRS; D) EQUALITY AND MUTUAL INTEREST; AND, E) PEACEFUL CO-EXISTENCE. NO MENTION WAS MADE OF THE STATUS OF TAIWAN WHICH MAINTAINS
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AN EMBASSY HERE. RADIO TRIPOLI ALSO REPORTED THAT JALUD WAS RECEIVED BY CHAIRMAN HUA KUO-FENG AND THAT THE FOREIGN MINISTERS OF THE TWO COUNTRIES SIGNED TWO ACCORDS, THE FIRST CONCERNING TECHNICAL, ECONOMIC AND SCIENTIFIC AFFAIRS AND THE SECOND WITH TRADE. NO FURTHER DETAILS WERE GIVEN.

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2. COMMENT. LIBYA RECOGNIZED THE PRC IN THE EARLY SEVENTIES, ALTHOUGH NATIONALIST CHINA HAS MAINTAINED AN ACTIVE EMBASSY HERE SINCE 1959. LATTER ARE, OF COURSE, VERY DEPRESSED BY THIS LATEST DEVELOPMENT, ALTHOUGH THEY ARE UNCLEAR AS TO ITS IMPLICATIONS. CHINESE FIRST SECRETARY TOLD EMBASSY OFFICER AUGUST 10 THAT NO INSTRUCTIONS HAVE YET BEEN RECEIVED FROM TAIPEI. HE INDICATED ROC WOULD LIKE TO MAINTAIN SOME KIND OF OFFICE IN TRIPOLI IF ONLY FOR COMMERCIAL REASONS BUT THAT IT WAS TOO EARLY TO TELL WHETHER THIS WAS ACCEPTABLE TO EITHER OF THE GOVERNMENTS CONCERNED. END CONFIDENTIAL.
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